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CITY SUSPENDS LICENSE TO HVAC COMPANY FOR FAILURE TO OBTAIN PERMITS AND LICENSE

INDIANAPOLIS – The Office of City Prosecutor (OCP) and the Department of Code Enforcement (DCE) today issued an order to suspend the license for work of HVAC company Thiele Heating and Air Conditioning Co.

The suspension comes after an investigation by DCE and OCP showed Thiele to be in violation of Indianapolis - Marion County Code, with failure to obtain proper HVAC permits and failure to employ licensed personnel. Code requires a licensed individual to serve in a supervisory role of any heating and cooling work performed by an HVAC contractor. In the span of three years, the company has failed to obtain necessary permits for work further exposing the public to potential health and safety risks.

“The Department of Code Enforcement is responsible for enforcement of construction standards and contractor licensing in order to ensure public safety,” said Rick Powers, DCE Director. “DCE will continue to pursue those who skirt the law and place our residents’ safety and quality of life in jeopardy.”

The failure to obtain proper permits provides Thiele with an unfair and illegal time and cost advantage over other Marion County HVAC contractors who obtain the necessary permits and employ necessary licensed personnel.

“We want to prevent residents from being put at risk for dangerous conditions and from being taken advantage of by corporations that do not take the proper steps for operation. Holding corporations accountable for failure to comply allows us to ensure the quality of work is met and to ensure the health and safety of the public,” said City Prosecutor Helen Marchal.

In a unanimous decision by the HVAC Board, Thiele will be suspended from work for a period of one (1) year in Marion County effective August 17, 2012. The HVAC Board ensures all individuals in the craft have the proper qualifications for master licensing. The Board also has the power to revoke or suspend licenses based on these qualifications not being met and/or unsatisfactory work.

DCE’s Licensing and Permitting section works to ensure quality of work and safety through the approval of licenses and permits of businesses and contractors.

The mission of the Office of City Prosecutor is to fairly adjudicate violations of the Revised Code of Indianapolis-Marion County in an effort to preserve and protect neighborhoods.

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